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SUBJECT: HIGHLIGHTS OF MARCH 30 AD HOC GROUP MEETING

1. THE AD HOC GROUP MET AT THE GERMAN EMBASSY WITH US REP AS  
CHAIRMAN FROM 1600 TO 1740 ON MARCH 30. IT CONCENTRATED LARGELY  
ON THE QUADRILATERAL MEETIN BETWEEN US/ NETHERLANDS REPS AND  
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HUNGARIAN REPS AND THE STRATEGY FOR THE NEXT MEETING ON APRIL 2. BILATERAL CONTRACTS AT MARCH 28 CANADIAN RECEPTION AND SOVIET INTEREST IN EXPANDING MBFR INVOLVEMENT OF AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT WERE ALSO DISCUSSED.

2. BILATERAL CONTACTS AT CANADIAN RECEPTION. ALL REPS COMMENTED THAT THE ATMOSPHERE AT THE MARCH 28 RECEPTION HAD BEEN MUCH MORE POLITICALLY CHARGED THAN MANY OTHERS. FRG REP (RUTH) WAS TOLD BY SOVIET REP KVITSINSKIY THAT THE WEST SHOULD REALIZE THAT THE ISSUE OF HUNGARIAN PARTICIPATION REQUIRED POLITICAL DECISIONS AND SHOULD THEREFORE ABANDON ITS LEGAL ARGUMENT THAT THE BASIS OF HUNGARIAN PARTICIPATION HAD ALREADY BEEN ESTABLISHED IN THE EXCHANGE OF DIPLOMATIC NOTES PRECEDING THE CURRENT TALKS. CANADIAN REP (GRANDE) REPORTED A CONVERSATION WITH SOVIET REP TIMERBAYEV IN WHICH THE LATTER SAID THAT HE HAD THE DISTINCT IMPRESSION THAT THE WEST HAD NOT REVEALED ITS ENTIRE HAND. TURKISH REP (TULUMEN) IN A CONVERSATION WITH SOVIET REP TIMERBAYEV WAS TOLD THAT SOVIET FORCES IN HUNGARY HAD NOT REAL MILITARY IMPORTANCE AND THAT THE WEST WAS ONLY STRESSING HUNGARIAN DIRECT PARTICIPATION FOR POLITICAL REASONS. ADDITIONALLY, CZECH AND HUNGARIAN REPS SUGGESTED AN EASTER BREAK WITH VARIOUS WESTERN REPS, ALTHOUGH HUNGARIAN REP (USOR) SAID HE RECOGNIZED THAT IT WAS DIFFICULT FOR EITHER SIDE FORMALLY TO SUGGEST A BREAK AS IT WOULD APPEAR A DELAYING TACTIC. BELGIAN REP (WILLOT) REPORTED A CONVERSATION WITH POLISH REP (STRULAK) IN WHICH THE LATTER SAID THAT HE HAD BEEN DESIGNATED AS THE EASTERN LIAISON WITH THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT, AND MORE PARTICULARLY WITH BAUER, DIRECTOR OF AUSTRIAN MBFR FACILITIES. (BELGIAN REP HAS REPRESENTED WEST IN RELATIONS WITH AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT.) US REP REPORTED ON HIS CONVERSATIONS WITH SOVIET REPS KHESTOV AND KVITSINSKIY (REPORTED VIENNA 2523).

3. MARCH 30 QUADRILATERAL MEETING - US REP AND NETHERLANDS REP (QUARLES) SUMMARIZED THEIR IMPRESSIONS OF THE MORNING MEETING WITH THE SOVIETS AND HUNGARIANS AS FOLLOWS. IN THEIR VIEW THE PROBE WAS INCONCLUSIVE, THOUGH NOT ENTIRELY NEGATIVE. BOTH AGREED THAT THE ATMOSPHERE HAD BEEN INCREASINGLY BUSINESSLIKE. IN NETHERLANDS REP'S VIEW IT BECAME EVEN CLEARER DURING THE COURSE OF THIS SESSION THAT THE LINKAGE OF ITALY AND HUNGARY WAS NOT ONE OF THE FUNDAMENTAL POINTS IN THE EASTERN POSITION. HUNGARIAN REP USTOR REFLECTED THIS WHEN HE SAID THAT "ITALY WAS LINKED TO HUNGARIAN PROBLEM BUT IN A LATER STAGE." ALTHOUGH EASTERN

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REPS CONTINUED TO EMPHASIZE THAT HUNGARY SHOULD NOT BE A DIRECT PARTICIPANT OR THAT IF IT WERE THAT ITALY MUST ALSO BE ONE. QUARLES BELIEVED THAT SINCE THE WEST WAS NO LONGER INSISTING ON HUNGARY'S DIRECT PARTICIPATION, THERE WAS NO NEED TO ADD ITALY IN ANY " NEUTRAL" SOLUTION. BOTH US AND NETHERLANDS REPS CONSIDERED THAT THE MOST USEFUL ASPECT IN MARCH 30 SESSION WAS THE APPARENT ACCEPTANCE BY SOVIET AND HUNGARIAN REPS OF WESTERN CONCEPTS AS BASIS FOR DISCUSSION. US REP ENDORSED NETHERLANDS REP'S COMMENTS AND SAID THAT WE HAD EVIDENTLY SUCCEEDED IN MAKING OUR POINT WITH THE EAST. IN HIS VIEW, THE QUADRILATERALS SHOULD NOW GRADUALLY MOVE TO CONSIDER A SINGLE DOCUMENT BASED ON THE WEST'S FEBRUARY 8 PAPER IN ORDER TO NARROW DOWN AND MAKE MAORE SPECIFIC THE EAST/ WEST DISAGREEMENTS ON A NON- COMMITTAL BASIS.

4. AD HOC GROUP COMMENTS - ITALIAN REP ( TALIANI) EXPRESSED THE OPINION THAT THE RESULTS OF THE MEETING WERE DISCOURAGING, PARTICULARLY BECAUSE ITALY HAD BEEN MENTIONED SO MANY TIMES AND IT SEEMED THAT "--- ONCE AGAIN THE SOVIETS WERE MAKING ABSOLUTELY CLEAR THAT ANY NEUTRAL SOLUTION WOULD REQUIRE THAT ITALY AND HUNGARY PARTICIPATE ON SAME BASIS." IN ITALIAN REP'S VIEW WEST'S ABEYANCE FORMULAE HAD FAILED AND IT WAS NOW CLEAR THAT THE ONLY WAY OUT WAS TO EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITIES CONTAINED IN THE ENLARGEMENT CONCEPT. HE ALSO SAID THAT IN HIS OPINION IT WOULD BE MORE DIFFICULT TO DISCUSS OTHER MATTERS BEFORE THE HUNGARIAN PROBLEM WAS SOLVED AS TO DO SO WOULD SEEM TO IMPLY THAT THE STATUS OF BOTH HUNGARY AND ITALY WERE IN ABEYANCE. BELGIAN REP SAID THAT HE WAS MORE OPTIMISTIC. THE DIALOGUE BETWEEN EAST AND WEST HAD BEEN DEFINITELY ESTABLISHED AND SEEMED TO BE PROCEEDING. ADDITIONALLY, THE EAST HAD ACCEPTED THE WESTERN PROPOSAL AS THE BASIS FOR DISCUSSION. HE SUGGESTED THAT AS THE NEXT STAGE THAT WEST GIVE EAST SOME INFORMAL TEXTS OF UNILATERAL STATEMENTS AND EXPLAIN THAT THE DEGREE OF POSSIBLE PARTICIPATION UNDER THEM COULD RANGE FROM ZERO TO ONE HUNDRED PERCENT.

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ALL REPS ECHOED FRG SUPPORT TO CHAIRMAN' S SUGGESTION THAT GROUP SHOULD NEXT MOVE TO SINGLE DOCUMENT BASED ON WEST' S FEBRUARY 8 DRAFT WHICH WOULD BE IN HIS OPINION VERY MUCH IN LINE WITH THE NAC INSTRUCTIONS. TURKISH REP MADE POINT THAT KHLESTOV' S PROPOSAL WAS NOT IN ITSELF VERY ENCOURAGING AS THE ENLARGEMENT COULD ALSO APPLY TO THE NATO FLANK STATES.

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5. AGENDA - BELGIAN REP ANNOUNCED THAT HE HAD ASKED FOR INSTRUCTIONS FROM BRUSSELS ON THE SUBJECT OF CARRYING ON COLLATERAL DISCUSSIONS OF AGENDA AND HAD BEEN TOLD THAT BELGIUM OPPOSED DISCUSSING OTHER ITEMS WITH THE EAST UNTIL THE HUNGARIAN AND PARTICIPATION PROBLEMS WERE SOLVED.

6. NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE AMERICAN EMBASSY APRIL 2 UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE BELGIAN REP. HUMES

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